

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 14,784

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 21, 2014

ASIM MOHAMED-SAIED SINGABI, Trading)
as SINGABI SEDAN SERVICE,)
Suspension and Investigation of)
Revocation of Certificate No. 2079)

Case No. MP-2013-141

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's response to Order No. 14,388, served December 4, 2013.

Certificate No. 2079 was automatically suspended on November 27, 2013, pursuant to Regulation No. 58-12, when the \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 14,366, served November 27, 2013, noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 2079, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 2079, and gave respondent thirty days to replace the terminated endorsement and pay the \$100 late fee due under Regulation No. 67-03(c) or face revocation of Certificate No. 2079.

Respondent paid the late fee on December 3, 2013, and submitted a \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on December 3, 2013, and the suspension was lifted in Order No. 14,388, on December 4, 2013. But because the effective date of the new endorsement is December 3, 2013, instead of November 27, 2013, Order No. 14,388 directed respondent to submit a statement verifying cessation of operations as of November 27, 2013, in accordance with Regulation No. 58-14. The statement was to be corroborated by copies of respondent's pertinent business records.

Respondent has produced a statement verifying timely cessation of operations. And although respondent's checking account statement for the period in question shows funds deposited in that account for two passenger trips performed on November 28, 2013, respondent explains that those trips were performed by a friend who used his own vehicle. That explanation is corroborated in a notarized statement submitted by the friend. However, because the friend is not recognized by WMATC as a licensed carrier, and because WMATC carriers are required to "enforce Commission regulations,"¹ we will place respondent on probation for a period of one year.²

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 5(b).

² See *In re C.P.R. Med. Transp. LLC*, No. MP-10-053, Order No. 12,872 (June 1, 2011) (carrier placed on probation to forestall future violations).

Accordingly, this investigation is hereby terminated, and respondent is hereby placed on probation for one year from the date of this order, such that a willful violation of the Compact, or of the Commission's rules, regulations or orders thereunder, by respondent during the probation period shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension and/or revocation of respondent's operating authority regardless of the nature and severity of the violation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS BRENNER, HOLCOMB, AND BROWN:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Morrow, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director